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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: March 6, 2009

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 1231

RE: Purchase Order Amendment – Bridge Call Boxes: CASE Systems, Inc.

Summary

CASE Systems, Inc (formerly Comarco) is currently under contract with MTC SAFE to manufacture, install, and commission bridge call boxes on seven toll bridges in the Bay Area. Additional equipment and person-hours are required to modify the standard call box design for each bridge, and staff recommends adding this work to the current contract, at a cost of \$200,000.

Background

CASE Systems has been the contractor for the maintenance and installation of MTC SAFE's approximately 2,200 call boxes since 1998. Primarily to preserve the uniformity of the existing system, CASE Systems was contracted through a sole source purchase order in May 2007 to be the manufacturer, installer, and tester of the bridge call boxes.

The bridge call box project started in August 2007 with the installation of 17 call boxes on the new Benicia Bridge. CASE Systems continues to manufacture call boxes for the remaining toll bridges. Approximately 350 call boxes will be installed on the Carquinez, San Francisco-Oakland Bay, Dumbarton, old Benicia, and Richmond-San Rafael Bridges over the next five years.

The original \$2,561,000 purchase order was based on estimates for standard bridge call box installation procedures. Due to each bridge's unique configuration, special accommodations including custom wiring and modifications to the MTC SAFE call boxes have been requested by Caltrans. MTC SAFE recommends that \$200,000 be approved to incorporate these changes.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to issue a purchase order amendment to add \$200,000 to cover design changes for the bridge call boxes. The funding for this amendment will be transferred from BATA to SAFE.

Steve Heminger

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Purchase Order Amendment

Work Item No.:	1231
Contractor	CASE Systems, Inc. Irvine, CA
Work Project Title	Bridge Call Boxes
Purpose of Project:	Purchase 350 call boxes for the Bay Area's seven toll bridges
Brief Scope of Work:	Design special accommodations to standard MTC SAFE call boxes for toll bridges, including custom wiring and modifications.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$200,000 this amendment (existing purchase order = \$2,561,000)
Funding Source:	BATA
Fiscal Impact:	Project is included in current annual budget.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to issue a purchase order amendment to add \$200,000 for the purposes described above and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds for such purchase order amendment.
MTC Operations Committee:	Approved: _____ Date: <u>March 13, 2009</u> Sue Lempert, Chairperson